

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT**

Endowments Department – Heli Tours – Operating regular Helicopter Services to various pilgrimage destinations in Andhra Pradesh – Orders – Issued.

REVENUE (ENDTS.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 1086

Dated: 07-11-2016

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From M/s. Summit Aviation Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi representation dated 08.09.2016 received through Chief Minister's Office, Amaravati, A.P., CMP No. 1031/SCS/ 2016 dated 8.9.2016

ORDER:

The Government has been making efforts to connect major religious places by air and provide hassle free darshan, transport, accommodation and other facilities to pilgrims. The NRI Community has been repeatedly requesting the Government to provide air connectivity. The Government of Andhra Pradesh has given priority to Tourism in general and Religious Tourism in particular in view of its enormous potential to the State's economy.

2. During the Tourism trade fair at New Delhi recently, the Managing Director, M/s. Summit Aviation Pvt. Ltd. requested the Government of Andhra Pradesh to provide assistance for operating regular Helicopter services to various pilgrimage destinations in Andhra Pradesh and to instruct T.T.D for providing necessary support by way of accommodation, darshan, prasadam, etc., in Tirupathi/Tirumala for Heli Tourists.

3. After careful examination of the above proposal, Government hereby approve the following:

- i. Provide M/s Summit Aviation Pvt. Ltd a facility of two helipads in Vijayawada where they can establish a base to operate religious package tours as well as regular helicopter services to Tirupathi and Srisailem initially.
- ii. The helipad available in the college grounds at Sunnipenta, Kurnool District shall be made available by the Collector, Kurnool to the above firm.
- iii. A helipad has to be provided at Tirupathi also. Tourism Department shall consider setting up a helipad in Tirupathi town as proposed by Collector, Chittoor and allow the above firm also to utilise it.
- iv. The Collectors of Chittoor, Kurnool and Krishna shall develop these helipads on a war-footing basis.
- v. The coordinates of these helipads may be given to Summit Aviation Private Limited as also to any other helicopter service provider who intends to provide helicopter services to the state.
- vi. The Executive Officer, T.T.D. may consider providing accommodation and darshan facility to the heli pilgrims. This will promote heli tourism besides making darshan of Tirumala, Srisailem, Kalahasti and Tiruchanur Devasthanams easier for non-resident Telugus (NRT) also.
- vii. These helipads shall initially be provided on nominal lease rental of Rs.1000/- per month as regular airports are far away and landing charges are prohibitive making helicopter services totally unviable.
- viii. The Collectors of Chittoor, Kurnool and Krishna Districts are responsible

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for the initial development of the helipads including their fencing of the helipad area subsequent maintenance of the helipads will be the responsibility of Summit Aviation Private Limited as and when needed.

3. The Executive Officer, T.T.D. and the Collectors of Chittoor, Kurnool and Krishna Districts shall take necessary action in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

The Executive Officer, T.T.D, Tirupathi

The Commissioner, Endowments, A.P., Hyderabad.

The Collectors of Chittoor, Kurnool and Krishna Districts.

The Managing Director, M/s. Summit Aviation Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi.

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